
Photo Report

Residential Diversion Program, City of Clearlake

10/28/08 & 11/12-14/08

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A) Observations of staff

On October 28 and November 11-14, 2008, Board staff drove through most, if not all, of the City's residential sections that were serviced during staff's site visit.

1-3. Set out rate for residential service was inconsistent. Some residents had all three bins out while others had only one or two. Cross-contamination was prevalent between recycling and garbage bins at the curb. Here a blue recycling bin is contaminated with garbage. Small garbage containers contribute to contamination.

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B) Contamination

1. Staff observed an automated residential truck disposing of garbage at the landfill. There was commingling of greenwaste, garbage and recyclables.

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Picture No. 2 shows there is prevalent contamination within the commercial sector as well. Greenwaste, recyclables and garbage are all in one load.



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C) Commercial Recycling Program

1-2. The commercial recycling program is hit-and-miss. Some businesses had recycling containers or bins, while others had none. Staff observed in several locations bins poorly labeled if at all. Some of staff's inspections rely on bin colors to differentiate recycling and waste bins.

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3-4. High-value recyclables are found in a typical landfill load. Woodwaste, greenwaste, newsprint, and cardboard are commingled together.



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D) Construction and Demolition

1-2. Staff observed several self-haul loads of high value C&D recyclables being disposed of at the landfill.

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